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NASSAU, N. P.

I had a delightful trip to Key West. I was gone 20 days and spent 13 of them with the saints. I visited my dear relatives also. The Lord has done wonderful things among them. I was very much attracted to one that was especially earnest and humble. It would give you joy to hear him talking the simple gospel, without fear, bearing testimony from his own soul. What a power there is in it! A young lady, whom God blessed through him, took her place at the table the first Lord's Day I was there and seemed very bright and happy, even amid persecutions from her friends. I have hopes of her husband, as he is very much taken up with the truth. I enjoyed Brother H——'s company very much; he is a dear brother. The Lord blessed the trip to my own soul.

At Nassau things are quiet. There are those here who come under John xii. 42 and v. 44. I went out yesterday with Brother S——, of Harbor Island. He spoke from John v. and ix. I had great liberty in speaking from Luke vii. 36-50. Trusting in the God of peace and power we shall be preserved. May He bless as He sees we need and use us to the conversion of souls, weak, earthen vessels though we be. There are about 50 at the table at Key West. It was a real pleasure to meet so many. Four more are to take their places soon. *T. J.*

GREAT HARBOR, ABACO.

We need some faithful servant out here. I spent two weeks of last month in Nassau, laboring in the gospel. What comfort we have in Jesus and His Word. You will be glad to hear of a brother who has confessed the wrong he did in a very humble manner. We received him joyfully.

J. E. S.

CANADA.

SHEPPARDVILLE, MANITOBA.

We are still waiting on the Lord to send out some laborers to these parts. There is a large field here and but few to occupy it. I have an invitation to hold some gospel meetings at a place 10 miles from here, which I trust to do shortly (D. V.). We have just returned from a visit out west, about two days' drive. We saw three brethren there who are living some 10 or 15 miles apart. We purpose (D. V.) having a meeting here this

summer. We all feel the need of it, we are so much alone. Pray for it and that the Lord may send us laborers. We send "*Glad Tidings*" to all and "*Sunlight*" to all who have children from seven to ten miles around, and would ask your prayers for the blessing of God upon the seed thus sown.

R. S.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA.

I gave a copy of "*Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment*" to a neighbor and he was so delighted with it he wanted to have it printed. I promised to supply him with more. He goes about in the country and wants them to take with him. I am looking to the Lord to open a door here for the gospel.

M.

BOSCURVIS, N. W. T.

We came here last May and were alone for most of the summer, as to fellowship. Now one brother has been restored to us, four relatives brought to the Lord who are meeting with us, and we expect two others to take their place next Lord's Day. We have reading meetings through the week and considerable interest is manifest. It makes us wish for some one with more ability to feed these new-born souls. We may well say "*Not unto us, but to His name be glory.*" As to temporals He provides for all our need. "*And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*" We have the heart-cheering promise, "*The Lord will provide.*" Ten of us broke bread this morning. We had a very happy meeting. More are expected next Lord's Day. We are far apart here, and that makes it difficult for some to attend.

J. S.

MOLESWORTH, ONT.

We had a nice meeting here for three days. There were about 20 with us from different parts. It will not soon be forgotten, and I trust that many things we heard and learned may come to us in the time of

need. All seem thankful for the meeting. What a precious passage is 2 Tim. i. 16. We have visited some lately and found most were getting on well. Thank God for it. May the Lord bless you.

J. McA.

NAPANEE, ONT.

In many ways the past year has been full of the goodness of the Lord. Many things too have taken place that show plainly the need of pressing truth relating to the Church and the principles of gathering. Testing times come and many are not able to meet the enemy. There has been blessing in the gospel in answer to earnest prayer. I spent 10 weeks in Coburg, but with little opening for the gospel. A number of young men came at first, but when separation was touched on they said "we must leave where we are or stop coming here." This was the last we saw of them. Here at Napanee I found an open door. There have been meetings every night for 11 weeks. A number (10 I think) have been saved and 14 have taken their place at the table. After the general meeting here Brother McC— went to Kingston and I joined him later on. As you know, we saw the blessing of God, *mostly among Christians, 12 coming with us.* At Murvale, where Brother McC— went shortly after the Napanee meeting, there is now a little gathering, some 12 or more breaking bread. During my stay at Kaladar two were added. At Picton six have separated from N. H. H. I intend (D. V.) going to a school house some eight miles out, where I have been invited by one who came to the meetings here.

J. R.

MANITOWANING, MANITOULIN ISL., ONT.

We were rejoiced to hear that the Lord is gathering in so many souls in these last perilous times. There are many Macedonian cries just now from different parts of the island. We expect there will soon be

a gathering at Tehkummah. We leave home to-day for Providence Bay, Big Lake, Silver Bay, Tehkummah, and from thence homeward again. The Lord is very gracious to us here, though there are many difficulties. To Him be all the praise.

E. H. V.

MURILLO, ONT.

We are still here, but expect to move to Calgany, North West Territory, in the summer. Our sons urge us to come, and our daughter lives but three miles from there. There is also a brother in the Lord from Scotland there. I see there is a change of thought among many in the denominations regarding the Lord's coming. It is preached now without fear of being called "strange doctrine." A Mr. F——, of Fort William (Presbyterian), is delighted with the "blessed hope," so that he speaks of it often to his people both in his sermons and pastoral visits. All well, if Christ Himself is the object and theme; we can rejoice with all that are watching and waiting for Him.

P. B.

KINGARF, ONT.

As to the Master's work here I can say that it still goes on. Many are coming out. The first night there were only a few; the next, the house was about full. They are mostly young people. Last Lord's Day the house was crowded. There were two brethren here from Paisley and my brother Andrew. He helped in the gospel. I would have liked if he could have stayed longer. I trust the Lord will send help, I feel my weakness in carrying on this work alone without experience.

I am much encouraged in the work. Many are coming out and sometimes the house is overfilled, and nearly all are young people. How my heart goes out for them. They are bringing their Bibles and searching to see. I am sorry that I did not begin before; this "doing what you can" is

very blessed indeed. If all God's dear children the world over would only do it, how different it would be. But God is stirring up some here and there among the common people to work for Himself. I was surprised to hear from J. L—— that he is going to preach. May others be aroused by this to use what is in their hands and be willing to do what they can. I am very thankful for your help in this. I was telling them to-night about the Lord at Sychar's well who gave a lost sinner a drink so that she need "never thirst." I still have many trials, but the Lord has promised to deliver. I could use a lot of gospel tracts here.

S. P.

THESSALON, ONT.

I gave out for a gospel meeting here. A few came. Last week I preached twice in Colver's school house, and quite a number came out. I trust the Lord will bless His Word. We have been encouraged by a sister coming among us. I think her husband is convicted. How blessed to go into strange houses and find a warm reception for the Word of God. It has been my privilege to find this in many cases lately.

We were out to Day township lately and were glad to see a brother there who seems quite stedfast in the truth. His wife has not settled peace. He would like very much to come to the meetings. I trust the Lord may open the way for him to remember His death. We called at four or five places on our way home and found an open door for the truth in every place. I cannot nearly supply myself with tracts now, nearly every person is thankful for them. The last three Sundays I have been having a gospel meeting at a sick man's house. He himself is anxious. It was some of his people that asked me to preach there. I thank God for the opening, though I am a poor, feeble vessel. I took courage from 1 Cor.

ii. 1-5 and spoke partly from that and Heb. i. Three families live quite near them, so that quite a few come in. Last night I felt uneasy about him and repeated to him two or three times John iii. 16, asking him if he could now rest on that. He said yes, yes. I trust the Lord's grace will be enough for him. I felt like preaching here, but the flesh makes me shrink. When I look at the waves I get afraid and sink, but I trust He will still hold me up, and keep me close to him. *J. L.*

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

A daughter of a brother here (recently saved) has taken her place with us. A Miss M—, at Craigleith, who has been going through deep exercises, has found peace. I have had three rather interesting meetings at Batteaux. There were about 30 present each time and some showed interest. Here there is not so much to cheer, although I have had interesting conversations with a few. At Craigleith, the brethren are going on quietly and happily as usual. I have been here several days. One more took her place at the table yesterday. There is another who is exercised about it. The brethren here intend to start meetings in other places also.

S. H.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

I had a visit from a brother F—, of Wickham, N. B. It is refreshing to find that he is standing for Christ, though all alone. He distributes his little books and ventures to preach the gospel. He has got a supply of "Living Streams," which he is giving away freely. *A. McB.*

WICKHAM, QUEEN'S CO., N. B.

Calling at a house to get a glass of milk, I met a man I had spoken to about Christ and found he was fully trusting Him; so also is his wife. It was two years ago when I spoke to him; thus we see that God does not let one word fail

that is spoken for Him. The Lord did work at the meetings on Sunday. At another meeting, hearing that the Lord used me here, they asked me to speak; so you see the Lord has work here.

J. H. F.

ST. CROIX, N. S.

We are getting along quietly together, and our meetings have been very refreshing. How sweet is that verse in John xvii. 24.

W. M.

BEDFORD, N. S.

Faith rises up to God, knowing the battle is His. I believe there is a season of blessing for us yet. Just now they are very zealous for the reformation of man, and show but little interest in the gospel. We, however, are looking to our God for them, that they may see what the cross of Christ has done for them. May we also see it much more clearly.

W. H. C.

HALIFAX, N. S.

I received your kind note, card and *FIELD AND WORK*, all of which I am very thankful for.

It is so gracious of the Lord to put it into the hearts of His children to remember each other, and especially one laid aside. It is now nine weeks since I have been out, but I have had a precious time with the Master. He has shown me so much of His heart of love, so much of sweet communion with Himself, and now I almost shrink from going out into the world again, but, I trust, I do want to do His will. Never have I received so much kindness, both from the inmates and others outside. To Him be all the praise!

My prayer is that I may show my gratitude by being more devoted to His service, and I do hope never to forget Mr. and Mrs. C—'s kindness. Truly God is good to those that put their trust in Him.

Remember me to Mr. L—. We all

remember him. Mrs. V— asks about him. Tell him Mr. U— got peace the last visit he made there, and she tells me he is growing in grace. I sent him some books since I have been laid by, and among them was "*Standing and State*," by Mr. Darby. He spoke to his master, who is not a Christian, and told him if he would just read "*Daniel Mann*" twice he would be down at the foot of the cross.

Mr. and Mrs. E— are growing by drinking in the Word, which they make a real study, and I think with dependence upon the Spirit. There is a soldier and his wife that I think the Lord is going to lead out. He sees the ground we are on quite clearly. It is evident the Lord is working in H— in a quiet way.

How often the heart would get cast down if we did not know the Lord is our strength and portion forever. Amidst all the confusion and failure the Lord wants us to go on with Him, doing His will; and is it not great condescension on His part to let us be co-workers with Himself?

I think we do not realize what a tower of strength prayer is. God is the same to-day as when he stopped the mouths of the lions or kept His children in the fire and opened prison doors. O, if we would in simple faith count on Him like those worthies of old, but we think we can still do for ourselves, and so do not fully surrender to that Almighty Power that must always prevail. The brethren here are all well. While I was sick the sisters held their prayer meetings in my room, which I enjoyed very much. *E. F.*

LACHUTE, QUE.

I send you a notice of the meeting to be held here the 26th of June, and to last nearly a week. There is room for work in Hawkesbury, and we could occupy you pretty well here for a while. We keep up our meetings, though only a few are get-

ting out, as roads are impassable. The opposition is very intense still, but the brethren go on very well and on the whole happily. I fear for some of the young ones, but trust the Lord will preserve them in His grace and mercy. A hall is being built for us and we hope to have it for the meeting. About 36 in all came with us; of these two fell back, owing to the bitterness of the opposition. I am glad that many were kept from taking a stand which they are not ready for, though sorry for some who have been badly treated and crushed by the ministers. These I hope the Lord will yet bring safely through. I had no idea of the real influence of the clergy. With many it is equal to that of the Priest over Romanists. *W. B.*

MONTREAL, QUE.

Our Brother Ross is about removing to Sherbrooke. We shall miss him very much. We trust the Lord will give us a new room here in a location favorable for gospel work. A shop has been taken at Point St. Charles with the gospel and Sunday School need in view. We are going on quietly, though the gospel is kept up with a very fair attendance. Our Lord's Day afternoon meeting keeps up well both in numbers and interest. *H. R.*

UNITED STATES.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

There is blessing here through the Lord's mercy. Fourteen have already been brought around our blessed Lord and many more are aroused. We have meetings afternoon and evening, which are well attended.

The work of the Lord still continues. Thirty have already broken bread and some 10 more have applied for fellowship. Quite a number beside have been saved, while others also are being delivered. Pray for us that the Lord will keep us. I

purpose (D. V.) moving to Buffalo on the 1st of May, leaving business to engage in the work wholly, and ask your prayers.

J. J. S.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The past year I have suffered much, but have been enabled to go on with the Lord's work almost constantly. I had some happy service in Clinton, where a sister and her husband, whom I visited, took their place with us. From Coldwater, Mich., a sister writes, "Some blessing is manifest and the rest will be in that day." A person living with her has found peace.

We had happy meetings at Alton, Ill. One young lady came and sought a place among us and found it. Following "the man bearing the pitcher of water" she was led to the place where Jesus talked to them about His death, "This do in remembrance of me." Some others will come in soon. In this Christ-rejecting country these are indeed precious tokens of His grace toward us, "the Lord working with them." (Mark xvi. 20.) When the eye is single and turned toward Him, as the eyes of a servant to the hand of her mistress, we get His will.

W. H. J.

EAGLE PASS, TEXAS.

In San Antonio and here I have seen various reasons to be encouraged. Here, I have preached on the streets in English and Spanish, and held meetings in various houses. That which seems likely to bear most fruit is the opening I found across the river in Mexico at a place called Piedras Negras. I have preached there many times in a private school house used by a Dr. Cameron, a member of the Presbyterian Church. We have had good audiences, and interest manifested. One man wanted me to baptize him, but I gave him a Testament and advised him to search deeper.

You will be interested to learn that I have met with Brother R. T. Grant, and

that we have remembered the Lord together. This was an unlooked-for event, for when we left Monterey we started with the intention of going straight into the interior of Mexico. But reaching Sattille, we found so many obstacles in the way that we resolved to turn back, and go round by San Antonio and Eagle Pass, Texas, and wait till the new railroad should be opened. It was after our arrival at San Antonio that I heard that Brother Grant was coming in that direction. So I wrote him and arranged to meet him here. He came here a few days after us. So thus, without either of us going one step out of our way, has our meeting been providentially brought about. . . . We enjoyed his visit very much. He has now gone on to San Antonio. We stay here till next week, when we shall try to proceed on our journey; though the way is not altogether clear to get to the capital, yet we hope to get to Lerdo, and there probably shall find an opening for the

C. H. B.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Brother C—, Los Angeles, writes that things are going on happily in the meeting there as a whole, and he seems to be growing in the sense of the vanity of all that is of the world. One who asked fellowship just before we left has been received lately. There is one brother here. The Spanish take the tracts very readily, and I am trying to get some meetings among them; preached to about 40 last Sunday evening in the Mexican Methodist Chapel. *R. T. G. to. H. A.*

PORT HURON, MICH.

I am glad to say there has been blessing since my last. Some have confessed Christ and we are looking for more to follow. A brother's brother and wife have confessed the Lord. Others are quite interested, the meetings are larger, and the saints are much cheered. I have been quite

busy visiting among new ones who are coming out. Four have taken their place at the Lord's table. May they have grace to continue. We, too, need grace to lead them on. The Lord keep us occupied with Himself.

I spent one week at Milwaukee and was quite refreshed among them. My heart was especially drawn toward the young. I spent two weeks in Chicago, had several cottage readings, and visited nearly all with us. I was thankful for a few days of rest and quietness here, although I felt like remaining there longer, there being so much need in that large city. I have held a few meetings here and some have received blessing. My heart is refreshed to see the growth of some. They have a nice room down town now, and will, I think, occupy it every Lord's Day in the future. We had a large number out the last time for this place—about 80. We have meetings also week nights. I did not intend remaining here, but as there is interest will stop for a while. I desire very much to be at home a few weeks, as there seems to be a work going on there, and I long to see them really clear. I trust (D. V.) to go to a few places in Ontario, and then return to the West, where I believe there is much need. Three new ones came to the Lord's table last Lord's Day here. I am thankful for "FIELD AND WORK"; it will be hailed by many.

A. E. B.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Brother E— is now at Howard Lake, and writes, "the attendance is large and there is much interest among the people." Brother A— intends joining him on Saturday. The Lord is opening up places for the gospel in many parts. Our little meeting is going on nicely and happily. Brother E— is encouraged in his gospel work. He is also growing in the knowledge of the Word. The young brethren

attend pretty regularly and seem quite in earnest in learning the truth.

A. M. D. to A. E. B.

ROCKFORD, ILL.

We had Brother G— here with us nearly four weeks. We enjoyed his visit very much. One sister has taken her place with us against much opposition on the part of her friends.

I enjoy my Sunday School work very much. Some of the children seem to be born again. The Lord fills my heart to overflowing most of the time when I am with them. My only regret is that I am not able to speak more simply to them. I am carrying on this work at remote parts of the town, where the children have long distances to walk to the churches.

J. J. H.

KEY WEST, FLA.

After a sojourn of three weeks here came the sorrowful adieus from dear ones identified with Christ in his rejection. The freshness, love, unselfishness, fellowship in the gospel and no relish for strife that one meets with here has cheered me greatly. They are young, but I trust will be kept. On the boat, on my way here, I met with one who seemed open to the Word. He was returning from Cuba without money and with but little strength. He was the only English-speaking man in the steerage, the rest being Cubans.

On the cars to Sanford there was no opening. Many refused the gospel papers offered them. On the boat to Jacksonville I met with one responsive soul, who was quite free in asking questions and accepted the answers. He held license from the Methodist Church to exhort, but saw he was not the Lord's freeman.

Jacksonville.—Here things are in a pitiable condition, reminding me of "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." I went to two

meetings among the colored people and spoke to them on formality and Christ as the way. A visit along the river was profitable. I had two readings and a gospel meeting at New Berlin. At Nill Cove the saints have been much harassed and need to be fed. Brother H—— is repeatedly receiving requests to preach the gospel in Clay Co., where there is a promising field for any servant free to labor, and having strength to bear the warm summer. (Any having gospel magazines or tracts may address to R. T. Hart, near water-works, Jacksonville, Fla.)

S.S. Cherokee.—There is much profanity here and my testimony is ridiculed; and yet it is a privilege to suffer for Christ's sake. I ventured the question to one "Do you ever think of eternity?" This led to conversation and he was impressed; it also brought several out of their bunks. Thus twice I have had an opening on the water.

Charlestown.—The marks of the earthquake are more upon the walls than the hearts of the people, who have forgotten their fear.

Catawba.—When I arrived here I was very weary, having walked over 10 miles, but got sufficiently refreshed to give out the gospel to an interested company in the evening. May blessing follow. Our Brother Booth is happy in being the Lord's freeman. Six others are gathered out with him.

I have just heard from Brother H——, who is by this time probably in Greensboro, Ga., of two or three more taking their place at the Lord's table in Key West, Fla. There are now nearly 50 gathered out to His name there. I had some profitable conversations with children of God on my way north. I remained at Jacksonville eight days or so. "The pride of life" is in full blast there, while at Key West it is more open profanity. Though here in North Carolina the people are moral and

polished, yet there is much self righteousness and very little heart for heavenly things.

I have met with a few of the Lord's people here who seem glad to hear the simple gospel. The people generally are poor, but proud and independent. Some would not be seen going to a school house to hear the gospel. Let us keep very distinctly before us His coming. *W. B.*

MILFORD, DEL.

We are getting on pleasantly and hopefully here, though there is much that might be better. Some of us are too much occupied with worldly things, and, I fear, our hearts are too much in them, and this cuts us off in measure from the source of power for service, testimony and worship. The meetings are held at my house now and the attendance is good. The dear saints seem to have a heart for the Lord and His Word. Our reading meetings are well attended and all seem to be interested to know, do and submit to His will. We have had no laborer from abroad since you except Brother B—— a little while. Unless the Lord leads, it is scarcely worth while, but we certainly would be gratified with a visit from any whom the Master would send. *J. S. P.*

BOSTON.

We attended the funeral of Mrs. C. E. Haskell, of Fitchburg, Mass., Monday, the 7th of May. She departed to be with the Lord on the Saturday previous.

C. C.

The saints here respond to ministry and show fellowship. The attendance at the meetings is quite good on the whole.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Never had a more joyous year than the past has been. Our gracious God has lifted me above all, blessed be His name! You will rejoice with me in learning of my son's restoration to us. *A. F. C.*